

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 210

BY RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE STATE WATER PLAN; PROVIDING THAT THE COMPREHENSIVE AQUIFER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE EASTERN SNAKE PLAIN AQUIFER IS APPROVED AS A COMPONENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE STATE WATER PLAN, TO PROVIDE THAT THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD SHALL PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE LEGISLATURE FOR APPROVAL A FUNDING MECHANISM AND ANY SUBSEQUENT PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE COMPREHENSIVE AQUIFER MANAGEMENT PLAN, TO PROVIDE THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE I OF THE COMPREHENSIVE AQUIFER MANAGEMENT PLAN IS SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF A FUNDING MECHANISM, TO PROVIDE THAT PROVISIONS DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN OBLIGATION OF STATE FUNDS, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY STATE FUNDING SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FUNDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to 2006 Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 136 and Section 42-1734A, Idaho Code, the Idaho Water Resource Board has prepared and adopted the Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan for the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer as a component of the Comprehensive State Water Plan. Pursuant to Section 42-1734B(6), Idaho Code, the Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan for the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer ("ESPA CAMP") is approved as a component of the Comprehensive State Water Plan. Pursuant to Section 42-1734B(4), Idaho Code, all state agencies shall exercise their duties in a manner consistent with the ESPA CAMP.

SECTION 2. The Idaho Water Resource Board shall prepare and submit to the Legislature for approval a funding mechanism for implementation of Phase I of the Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan for the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer. The Idaho Water Resource Board shall prepare and submit to the Legislature for approval any subsequent proposed changes to the ESPA CAMP. Implementation plans should seek to optimize outcomes for fish and wildlife, recreation, hydropower, municipalities, irrigation, aquaculture and other uses.

SECTION 3. Implementation of Phase I of the Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan for the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer is subject to legislative approval of a funding mechanism. The act does not constitute an obligation of state funds and any state funding shall be subject to the availability of funds. State agencies may use previously appropriated funds to begin implementation of Phase I.

1 SECTION 4. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to
2 exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage and approval.